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1. On the night of 8 December 1946 Canton President's Headquarters sent out soldiers, police, and gendarmes who arrested a large but undetermined number of Chinese Communists and their agents. By order of the military, publication of arrests was prohibited. In view of recent disturbances in Shanghai, the military are fearful of Communist instigated local disorders.

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2. Among those arrested were many students. Many other students are said to have fled to Hongkong. Pro-Communist students at the National Sun Yat-sen University, being watched by the Chinese Secret Service, are lying low.

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3. Over 1,000 Chinese Communists and their agents were arrested on 14 December 1946. Very few were released, and the rest will be held for investigation which is expected to cover a long period of time. Among those arrested were four Chinese newspaper reporters.

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United Press dispatch from Hongkong 12 December 1946:

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Canton police and troops rounded up 3,000 persons suspected of Communist leanings in a four-day raid of Chinese homes in the city, the Communist Hwa Shang Pao reported here today.

The raids were carried out by one battalion of the 16th MP Regiment as well as the police who blockaded the streets and raided the homes, the paper claimed.

The suspects included students, teachers, journalists and civil servants, all of whom are lodged in jail, the paper added. Pro-Kuomintang papers maintained that it was just "illegal elements" being cleaned up."

4. Associated Press dispatch from Canton 17 December 1946:

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Five students of the Canton College of Law and Commerce were arrested and held without charges for 24 hours on Dec. 8, the Associated Press was informed today. The students were released eventually. The students said that they were arrested at 3 a.m. by soldiers armed with machine guns.

It was reported that more than 1,000 persons were arrested at the same time on suspicion of Communist affiliation.

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